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SUBJECT: ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE: JUNE 8 SYG REPORT TO NAC

COPENHAGEN ALSO HOLD FOR MCGUIRE

SUMMARY. DURING JUNE 8 NAC, SYG REPORTED ON HIS MOST RECENT EFFORTS TO DEFUSE COD WAR. UK AND ICELAND CONTINUE AT AN IMPASSE, WITH ICELANDIC PERMREP BELIEVING THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT. END SUMMARY.

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1. AT BEGINNING OF NAC MEETING JUNE 8, SYG LUNS REPORTED ON HIS RECENT EFFORTS TO DEFUSE UK- ICELAND COD WAR.

2. SYG SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH BOTH UK MOD LORD CARRINGTON

AND ICELANDIC PERMREP TOMASSON YESTERDAY. HE HAD SUGGESTED A PERSONAL FORMULA TO TOMASSON: IF ICELAND COULD SEE ITS WAY TO INDICATE A DATE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS, HE (THE SYG) WOULD HAVE AN ARGUMENT TO APPEAL TO THE UK TO WITHDRAW ITS SHIPS BEYOND THE FIFTY- MILE LIMIT.

3. TOMASSON HAD SENT THE SYG' S FORMULA TO HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, FROM WHOM THE SYG HAD RECEIVED A REPLY. THE REPLY INDICATED THAT ICELAND COULD ACCEPT THE FORMULA AS A BASIS FOR RESUMING THE TALKS IF THE UK WERE TO WITHDRAW ITS SHIPS FROM ICELANDIC WATERS BEFOREHAND.

4. SYG CHARACTERIZED REPLY AS " NOT EXACTLY WHAT I HAD ASKED FOR" BUT BELIEVED IT INDICATED AN ICELANDIC APPRECIATION OF WHAT NATO WAS TRYING TO DO.

5. SYG REPORTED THAT UK PERMREP PECK HAD SENT THE ICELANDIC REPLY TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND HAD JUST RECEIVED A REPLY FROM HIS FOREIGN SECRETARY. DOUGLAS- HOME' S RESPONSE WAS THAT AT THE MOMENT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ORDER THE FRIGATES OUT OF THE FIFTY-. MILE LIMIT BUT THAT HE (DOUGLAS- HOME) LOOKED FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH THE SYG IN COPENHAGEN.

6. SYG BELIEVED A RAY OF HOPE WAS STILL IN EVIDENCE.

7. ICELANDIC PERMREP TOMASSON THANKED THE SYG FOR HIS EFFORTS AND HOPED THAT THE RAY OF HOPE WOULD STILL BE EVIDENT BY THE TIME OF THE COPENHAGEN MEETING. HE FEARED THAT THE SANDS MIGHT RUN OUT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

8. BELGIAN, ITALIAN, AND NETHERLANDS PERMREPS TOLD SYG HIS EFFORTS WERE FULLY APPROVED BY THEIR AUTHORITIES.
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